



MESSIAH MESSENGER

October 2023



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR DAN

Acting in Faith, not Doubt; Living with Courage, not Fear

Do we see challenges in life as negative? Do we see conflict as detrimental?

Believers in Jesus Christ are given faith through hearing His Word. Challenges and conflicts are opportunities to grow in that faith. This has been the case since the day we were baptized and given this faith. His Holy Supper gives us the assurance and strength to move forward in faith.

Well an opportunity has presented itself to Messiah to consider how best to work with our fellow LCMS congregations here in Beloit. We will have a chance to fully explore those options at a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 8 at 3pm. Pastor Jonah Burakowski who is a Vice-President in our District will give a full presentation of some of the choices we are being asked to consider as a congregation. I have an overview document that was presented at the Sunday, September 17 Congregational meeting. Copies are in the Narthex. Nothing can be done without the congregation voting. And nothing will be decided on Sunday, October 8.

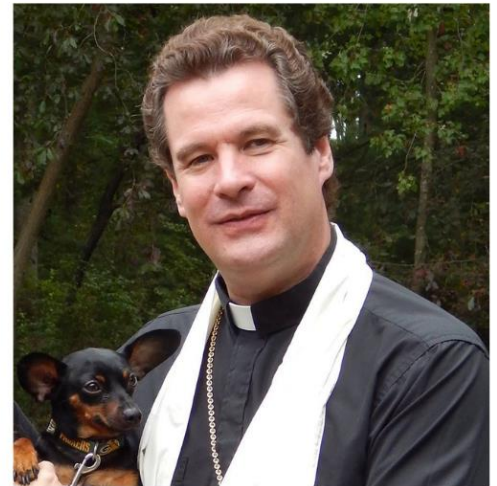
At moments like these the worse thing we can do is to fear or have doubts. God has blessed Messiah over the past seven years. And if we want to continue to grow numerically and individually then we see challenges like these as opportunities for how to expand our ministry in which Jesus has entrusted us.

Doubt can be adversarial to imagination, but faith in Christ moves fears out of the way. Wisdom from God allows us to imagine a future that better glorifies the Lord.

This is our time to listen, discern, and decide. It is an opportunity to dream and love more people into the eternal kingdom of Christ. We are not done growing. We are not done working till our last breath or when Jesus returns in the flesh to end time.

In the meantime, our faith gives the courage to act with our Father's will being done. The only thing we have to fear is the Lord, Himself. That does not mean we are afraid of Him but have an awesome reverence for Him. Remember when we move forward living our faith then all good things are possible with God by our side.

Let's not get stuck in the status quo, nor neutralize our faith. But take a chance to show others that Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection is not a cliché but a way of living life in joy and with purpose.



"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord."

James 1:5-7 (NIV)

See you in worship, fellowship, and service.

In the Joy of Jesus,

Pastor Dan

Calendar of Events

- October 1, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- October 1, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship
- October 1, 2023 (Sunday, 12:15 PM) - Lay Elder-Deacons Meeting in the Upstairs Conference Room
- October 2, 2023 (Monday, 6 PM) - Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall
- October 3, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – Sanctuary, on-line, and phone
- October 4, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- October 5, 2023 (Thursday, 5:30 PM) - PR meeting in upstairs Conference Room. Planning Pictorial Directory
- October 6, 2023 (Friday, 5 PM - 7 PM) - Community Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall
- October 8, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- Sunday School Servant Day during Worship and Fellowship
- October 8, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship
- October 8, 2023 (Sunday, 3 PM) - Special Congregational Meeting with District Vice-President Jonah Burakowski
- October 9, 2023 (Monday, 6 PM) - Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall
- October 10, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – Sanctuary, on-line, and phone
- October 10, 2023 (Tuesday, 7 PM) - Parish Planning Council Meeting in downstairs Conference Room
- October 11, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- October 12, 2023 (Thursday, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM) - Food Pantry Open
- October 14, 2023 (Saturday, 9 AM) - Men’s Group in Downstairs Conference Room
- Starting a new Bible Study on the book of Galatians
- October 15, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - - Mary the Comfort dog will join us for worship and fellowship
- October 15, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship
- October 16, 2023 (Monday, 6 PM) - Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall
- October 17, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – Sanctuary, on-line, and phone
- October 17, 2023 (Tuesday) - Dart Ball starts again
- October 18, 2023 (Wednesday, 9 AM - 12 PM (noon)) -LWML Fall Rally at Trinity in Beloit
 - Pastor Dan leading Bible Study “How am I like Mary Magdalene?”
 - Special speaker from RVCP with “Housing4Our Vets”
- October 18, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - - Mary the Comfort dog will join us for worship and fellowship
- October 21, 2023 (Saturday, 8 AM - 3 PM) - Purity Education Leadership Training at St Andrew Ev. Lutheran Church, Rockton
- Do you know a girl struggling with the world’s lies about her body and value? Your heart aches for her to know the Truth. It is possible for a girl to be confident in her faith and in herself. We’re here to encourage her to be confident in who God made her to be. Women with all kinds of talents are needed—you could be a mentor! Breakfast, lunch, and childcare provided. (Please let us know the number of children needing care.) Please bring your Bibles! Reserve your spot by contacting:
 - Diana Bork: 779-537-1155,
 - Loriann McCormack: 815-713-5085, bork5001@yahoo.com
- October 21, 2023 (Saturday, 2 PM - 4 PM) - Trunk or Treat Open to the public
- October 22, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- October 22, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship
- October 23 - 25, 2023 (Monday through Wednesday) - Pastor Dan attending Fall District Pastors’ Conference in the Wisconsin Dells
- October 23, 2023 (Monday, 6 PM) - Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall
- October 24, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – Sanctuary, on-line, and phone
- October 25, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- October 26, 2023 (Thursday, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM) - Food Pantry Open
- October 29, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - Reformation Services
- October 29, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship
- October 30, 2023 (Monday, 6 PM) - Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall
- October 31, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – Sanctuary, on-line, and phone

October Birthdays



Rebecca Baumann	10/1
Mark Peterson	10/1
Adrean Avery	10/2
Donald Thompson	10/3
Amy Lehner	10/5
Darian Rehard	10/5
Shannon Zimmerman	10/5
Amy Kroning	10/11
Cindy Thompson	10/12
Addison Burns	10/13
Charles Baumann Jr.	10/17
Lonnie Luethy	10/17
Abegail Shellenberger	10/17
Cindy Zimmerman	10/18
Gary McGuire	10/20
Joel Steinke	10/21
Corky Borre	10/22
Persephone Kropp	10/22
Jared McCannon	10/23
Janice Adney	10/24
Amy Gahl	10/24
Larry Wilkins	10/24
Cheyenne Coleman	10/25
Sean Fieser	10/25
Julie Olson	10/25
Paige Stageman	10/25
David Gahl	10/27
Brent Cook	10/28
Cason Cleveland	10/29
Joshua Goff	10/29
Brian Komprood	10/29
Elizabeth Harris	10/30

October Anniversaries



Alan & Patricia Lockwood	10/1/1988
Marc & Amy Lehner	10/4/2019
Daryl & Cindy Gabbard	10/15/1994
Charles & Kathy Hogan	10/28/1995
Douglas & Mary Eddy	10/30/1982

A note from Jim and Susie Waters:

We would like to invite all boards and church members to be a part of our church newsletter. If you know of upcoming events, have inspirational quotes, great recipes for the upcoming month, or have any other church or community news that you think would fit well with our congregation please let us know by email (Messiahlutherannewsletter@gmail.com), and we will do our very best to get your news entered in as soon as possible.

Thank you and God's blessings to you all.

Caramel-Stuffed Pumpkin Snickerdoodles



Ingredients

1½ cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 ¾ teaspoon baking soda
 ¼ teaspoon baking powder
 10 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
 ½ cup brown sugar
 ⅓ pumpkin puree
 ¼ cup plus 1 tablespoon granulated sugar, divided
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 ½ teaspoon kosher salt
 12 store-bought caramel candies
 1½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

Directions

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cream of tartar, cinnamon, baking soda and baking powder. Set aside.
2. In a small skillet over medium heat, cook 8 tablespoons of the butter until it smells nutty and the milk solids are browned, swirling frequently, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl and stir in the remaining 2 tablespoons butter.
3. To the same large bowl, add the brown sugar, pumpkin, ¼ cup granulated sugar, vanilla and salt and whisk until combined.
4. Add the dry ingredients to the wet and stir until just combined. Cover the bowl and refrigerate until the dough is slightly firmer, about 30 minutes.
5. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. In a small bowl or on a plate, stir together the remaining 1 tablespoon granulated sugar and pumpkin pie spice.
6. Scoop the cookie dough into 12 balls approximately 2 tablespoons each, then stuff a caramel candy in the center of each, and roll it between your palms to round it out. Roll the dough balls in the sugar-spice mixture and place on the prepared baking sheets about 2 inches apart.
7. Bake until the cookies look slightly crackly on top, 13 to 15 minutes. Cool for about 10 minutes on the tray before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.



Mary Comfort Dog

Luke 1:37
 "With God nothing is impossible."

Bringing Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those suffering and in need.

Mary the Comfort dog will join us for worship and fellowship on Sunday, October 15 and Wednesday, October 18.



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, Oct. 21
 2:00-4:00

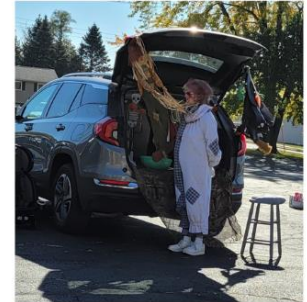
CANDY

Games



Prizes

Food



Messiah Lutheran Church
 1531 Townline Ave.
 Beloit, WI



Come Join the Fun!

Spaghetti Dinner

Includes garlic bread and beverage

Friday, October 6 from 5 to 7 pm
 Free-will Offering for Dine-In Meals

Bake Sale



Two lives, united in friendship and faith, now
unite in the Holy bonds of matrimony



Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Burrows

Bradley Burrows married member Kayla Burdick on Thursday, September 14 at Messiah Lutheran with Pastor Dan officiating. Kayla's mom is member Kathy Stolarzyk and her grandparents include Carol and Larry Wilkins. God's blessings to the honeymooners and for a great marriage.



Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Cook

Garrett Cook was married to Virginia Heinrich on Saturday, September 23 at Messiah with over 175 in attendance. Garrett is a member who has served on the Lay Elder-Deacons for the past five years. He is the grandson to founding member Elaine Stageman and his parents are Jim and June Cook. Virginia became a member back in 2022. She and Garrett work on the streaming crew together making sure our services get out to our members and community.





It has been 5 years since Messiah Lutheran Church published a Congregational Pictorial Directory. During that time dozens and dozens of new members have joined. Others have gone to their heavenly home.

Sunday, September 17 members approved a new Pictorial Directory plan where the PR Committee will oversee, tying it into our website as member Bill Goff will design its layout. This will allow it to be updated every year.

Website access would only be gained through a password. This on-line directory would have individual and family pictures and contact information which would include home addresses, phone number(s), and email addresses.

Once a year we would print a hard copy of the directory free to our homebound members, and at minimal cost for our own members. (The printing would be done internally, but our copier contract has limited color printing included.) And we would also have a few copies of the directory in the pews for easy reference. This way if you see someone in church you can more easily identify their name by picture. And you can print your own copy of the directory off the password protected part of the website.

Each household's information would need to be verified before publishing and, if you wish, you can withhold certain information.

Someone on the PR Committee can take individual or family photos or you can take them yourself and send them to a designated email address.

Soon we will have information sheets for you to verify, correct or add information for your household.



Jeff Sennett was installed as the 7th Lay Elder-Deacon at Messiah on Sunday, September 24. He replaces Mark Peterson who stepped down from his post a few months ago due to health concerns. The board partners with Pastor to make sure worship service and Bible studies are properly held. They assist with Holy Communion and work with Pastor on other membership ministry needs. God bless Jeff and the Lay Elder-Deacons at Messiah in the work of Christ's Church.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS!



Our Sunday School Teachers were installed at the 11am Service on Sunday, Sept. 10th. Left to right: Rebecca Baumann, Tiffany Koenitzer, Sam Anderson, and Cheryl Sennett.



In Sunday school we studied how when there was a drought God had ravens deliver food to Elijah. God also provided food for the widow and her son because she willing to trust that God was speaking through Elijah. Elijah fully trusted the Lord and God provided for all of Elijah's needs. God worked a miracle when He kept the Widow's jar of oil full until it rained. We played a water bucket relay game and made raven puppets.

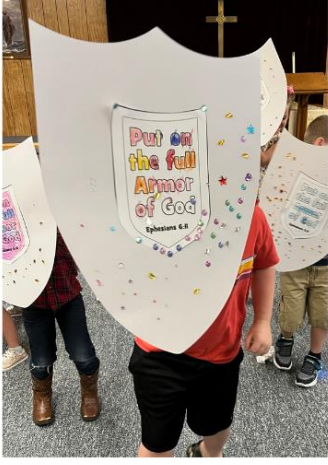




We studied Elijah and the prophets of Baal. Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal taught the people a very important lesson. They learned that there is only one true God who is powerful and loving. They also learned that they should always trust and worship Him, no matter what challenges they face in life.

Elijah built an altar to God and proved that He is the One True God. We build altars out of marshmallows, pretzels, and animal crackers for our snack. In building the altar Elijah used 12 stones. There was one for each tribe in the family line of Jacob. Our craft project was decorating a stone that said, "The Lord is God."





On Rally Day we learned about the armor of God from Ephesians 6:10-20. Students learned what the Armor of God is, and learned the meaning and significance of each component. We protect ourselves with faith in Christ. God provides us with all we need to stand firm against the powers that go against us! The students made sword fruit kabobs, and made shields. We discussed why it is important to have a strong faith. The bigger our faith is, the harder it is to be attacked. We crumpled up paper to represent the ways Satan tempts us, then used the shields to protect ourselves from Satan's temptations.



"The Armor of Christ"

**PUT ON THE FULL
ARMOR OF GOD**

					
BELT OF TRUTH	BREAST PLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS	SHOES OF PEACE	SHIELD OF FAITH	HELMET OF SALVATION	SWORD OF SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 6:10



On September 10th, Rally Day and the Church Picnic was held! What a wonderful day for good food & fellowship! There were over 50 people who attended the Picnic, and what a wonderful time it was! There were brats, hot dogs, and beverages, all of which were provided by evangelism and many dishes that were brought to share! There was an Armor Race, and the Youth Group provided a Bouncy House as well. The Rally Day and Picnic were truly a success!

